



# CITY OF FLORENCE KENTUCKY®

## 2010 ACTIVITY GUIDE



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



**Diane E. Whalen**  
Mayor of Florence

As I begin my 12th year as Mayor of Florence, it is once again my pleasure to welcome you to my hometown and help you discover all our community has to offer. Before I begin, I want to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me and assure you of my continued commitment to keeping Florence a great place to live, work, play and raise a family. 2009 was a year of many economic and financial challenges for all of us. I was fortunate to have been able to work side by side with your City Council members Mike Apgar, Ted Bushelman, Mel Carroll, Kelly Huff, Julie Metzger-Aubuchon and David Osborne on the many issues confronting our residents, our businesses, and our community. Working together, we persevered as a community through some of the most difficult economic times in memory.

That being said, the City was fortunate enough to enjoy a number of economic development successes in 2009. Thanks to the assistance from Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, funding was secured for the reconstruction of Mall Road. Final design was completed in early 2010 with construction of phase one (KY to I-71/75 interstate ramp) projected to begin in early spring. Phase one is scheduled to be completed before the 2010 holiday shopping season and the second phase and final phase will follow in 2011. As the retail hub of Northern Kentucky and the largest retail district in the state, the reconstruction of Mall Road is recognized as a critical component to ensure the corridor's long term viability.

Last summer, ASTAR Air Cargo relocated its regional corporate offices/headquarters to the Turfway Ridge Office Park off Turfway Road. Construction began on the redevelopment of the former YMCA property at 212 Main Street on a senior living campus called Ethos on Main. This project will provide independent and assisted living facilities along with free standing bungalow style single family homes. The first phase of this development is expected to be completed later in 2010.

The City also enjoyed a great deal of new restaurant construction over the past year. Some of the notable restaurants that have opened include Culvers Restaurant off U.S. 42, a Chipotle Restaurant (the City's second Chipotle location) off Dream Street, a Jimmy Johns Gourmet Sandwiches off Mall Road, a Chick-fil-A, and a Red Robin Gourmet Burgers Restaurant in the Houston Road area.

Early in 2009, the Children's Advocacy Center's new facility opened on the St. Elizabeth Florence Hospital campus (formerly St. Luke West Hospital campus) off Turfway Road. The Children's Advocacy Center serves eight Northern Kentucky counties and provides a child-friendly environment for the prevention, evaluation and treatment of abused children. This project was made possible, in part, due to the inter-governmental cooperation between the Cities of Florence and Ft. Thomas in securing a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant. During the fall of 2009, the Child Advocacy Center project received the Enterprise Cities Award from the Kentucky League of Cities.

Recreational opportunities and the commitment to the community continue to be part of the vision for Florence's future. A Community Block Grant was submitted that will provide partial funding for a new Senior Citizens Center on the city owned land on U.S. 42 at Niblack Drive. If funded, construction on the new Senior Center will begin in 2010. The site for the new Senior Center will also include a new park that will compliment the Senior Center and provide amenities for the benefit of all our residents. Improvements will begin in 2010 at the City owned World of Sports golf complex that will include a new clubhouse with an indoor putting green and driving range, a new putt-putt golf course and an expanded outdoor driving range facility.

The City sponsors many family oriented activities and encourages you and your family to share in the community activities such as our Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July celebration, Pooch Fest, Labor Day, Veteran's Day and Memorial Day events, Halloween Night Out, Christmas Tree Lighting, Community Chorus and Community Band performances and our parades. Please review the pages that follow for more information on City programs and parks and recreational opportunities. We hope you will take full advantage of all the City has to offer.

As we look toward an improving economic outlook in 2010, please be assured that your elected officials and city staff are committed to providing our residents with the first class and professional services you have come to expect. When you call on us, please know professionals will answer your call for service. Whether you are looking for help with a street problem, snow removal, or leaf pickup, need the police, fire or paramedics, help with licensing or taxes, or simply have a question that needs answering; we are here, at your service.

Let us know what we're doing right - or when we don't meet your expectations. Visit with us this summer at one of our scheduled "City Night Out" events that are planned in different neighborhoods around the City. The locations are listed in this book. If you are a new resident, or someone just looking for information about the City, information packets are available at the City Building. You can stop by or contact us by phone at (859) 647-8177 or check for information or updates on our web site at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov).

CITY OF FLORENCE  
COUNCIL MEMBERS

Florence has a Mayor-Council form of government with non-partisan, at-large elections. The Mayor is elected for a four-year term; the six-member Council is elected every two years. The City is in the 60th and 66th Legislative District, 11th Senatorial District and the 4th U.S. Congressional District.

**City Council Monthly Meeting Schedule:**

*Meetings start at 7:00 pm at the Florence Government Center*

1st Tuesday	Council Caucus
2nd Tuesday	Regular Business Meeting
2nd Wednesday	Florence Planning & Zoning Committee at 9:00 am
3rd Tuesday	Council Caucus
4th Tuesday	Regular Business Meeting



**Mr. Mike Apgar**



**Mr. Ted Bushelman**  
Vice Mayor



**Mr. Mel Carroll**



**Mr. J. Kelly Huff**



**Dr. Julie Metzger**  
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## JANUARY

- 1** Government Center Closed in Observance of New Year's Day
- 6** Christmas Tree Curbside Pick Up
- 9** Christmas Tree Recycling
- 18** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program

## FEBRUARY

- 15** President's Day Display

## MARCH

- 1** Student Ambassador Applications Available
- 3** Citizen's Police Academy
- 9** Youth in Government Program
- 13** Safe Sitter Class
- 14** Daylight Saving Time

## APRIL

- 3** Easter Egg Hunt
- 4** Family Golf @ WOS
- 6** Florence Resident Night @ WOS
- Spring Break Junior Golf Camp @ WOS
- 12** Spring Tennis Clinics
- 24** Great American Clean Up
- 26** Spring Clean Up Week

## MAY

- 5** Ladies Golf League @ WOS
- 8** Arbor Day Celebration
- Police Memorabilia/Trading Show
- 15** Safe Sitter Class
- 17** Florence Student Ambassadors Begin
- 21** Florence Freedom Season Begins
- 29** Florence Family Aquatic Center Opens
- 31** Memorial Day Parade & Program
- Government Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

## JUNE

- 7** Summer Tennis Clinics #1
- Swim Lessons Session #1
- Police CSI Camp
- 8** Boys & Girls High School Golf Programs @ WOS
- 11** Movie in the Park
- 14** Skyhawks Youth Sports Camps
- 15** Neighborhood Night Out @Seven Hills Church Campus
- Florence Hammerheads Dive Meet
- 21** Swim Lessons Session #2
- 22** Florence Hammerheads Dive Meet

## JULY

- 1** Florence Hammerheads Swim Meet
- 3** Independence Day Celebration
- 4** Independence Day Celebration Rain Date  
(7 pm Rides, Food & Band 10 pm Fireworks)
- 5** Government Center Closed in Observance of July 4th
- 8** Florence Hammerheads Swim Meet
- 10** Pee Wee Golf Tournament @ WOS
- Parent/Child Championship @ WOS

## JULY

- 12** Swim Lessons Session #3  
Summer Tennis Clinic #2  
Skyhawks Youth Sports Camp
- 13** Neighborhood Night Out @ N. Dilcrest  
Florence Hammerheads Dive Meet
- 22** Florence Hammerheads Swim Meet
- 26** NKSL All Star Swim Meet-Pool Closed
- 27** Swim Lessons Session #4

## OCTOBER

- 2** Elementary & Middle School Golf Classic @ WOS
- 5** National Fire Prevention Week
- 18** Fall Clean Up Week
- 26** Halloween Night Out

## AUGUST

- 3** Neighborhood Night Out @ RA Jones Middle School/Collins  
Elementary School Campus
- 4** Target National Night Out
- 14** Safe Sitter Class
- 22** Florence Family Aquatic Center Closes
- 24** Neighborhood Night Out @ Orleans Park
- 26** Police Teen Academy
- 30** Fall Tennis Clinics

## NOVEMBER

- 7** Daylight Savings Time
- 11** Veterans Day Program
- 13** Safe Sitter Class
- 25** Government Center Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

## DECEMBER

- 7** Tree Lighting Program
- 23** Government Center Closed in Observance of Christmas Eve
- 24** Government Center Closed in Observance of Christmas Day

## SEPTEMBER

- 1** Fall Pee-Wee Golf Program @ World of Sports  
Fall Junior Golf Program @ World of Sports
- 4** Police Memorabilia/Trading Show
- 5** Labor Day Weekend Parade
- 6** Gov. Center Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 11** Walmart Safety Day
- 14** Neighborhood Night Out @ Florence Government Center
- 18** Pooch Fest



# FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CENTER COMPLEX



- A - Florence/Boone County Skate Park
- B - Walking Loop - Trail .93 Mile
- C - Veteran's Memorial Plaza and Fountain
- D - Entrance Gateway Plaza

## Florence Family Aquatic Center

- E - Bathhouse/Concessions Building
- F - Shallow Water Pool with Zero-Depth Entry, Steps and Water Play Features
- G - Competition/Lap Pool with Diving Area
- H - Lazy River
- I - Waterslides
- J - Sprayground

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CITY OF FLORENCE, VISIT  
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## FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CENTER

Located at 8100 Ewing Boulevard, the building is home to the following City offices: Mayor, City Administration, City Clerk, Finance, Human Resources, Parks & Recreation, Police and Public Services. Weekly City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers located on the ground floor of the facility. General office hours are 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The building is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Owen Electric and One Stop Annex offices are located on the ground floor level. Located on the lower level of the Government Center are satellite offices of the Boone County Circuit Clerk (drivers licensing), and the Boone County Clerk (vehicle registration), as well as the Boone County Public Safety Communications Center (911 dispatch operations and incident records).

Three community meeting rooms are located on the lower level and are available for public use, Monday through Friday. The rooms are intended for City-related functions, but Florence affiliated groups and non-profits may use them free of charge. For additional information, reservations and rules of use, please call (859) 647-8177.

The campus area of the Government Center contains the Florence Government Center Office Building, the State Office Building, the Boone County Veterans Memorial, the Florence Family Aquatic Center and the Florence/Boone County Skate Park. A .93 mile-long walking/ bike trail path surrounds the entire complex and is marked with red pavers every tenth of a mile.

## BOONE COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL

This Memorial was built on the campus of the Florence Government Center in 1998 through community donations. Its purpose is to honor all veterans of Boone County who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that everyone else may enjoy freedom. The City conducts its annual Memorial Day program at the Memorial.



## MAINTENANCE FACILITIES

The Public Services Department is located at 7850 Tanners Lane, housing the mechanics, street, water, sewer and ground maintenance crews. This is also the location residents may drop off items for recycling and the City's annual Fall and Spring Clean Up programs.

## FIRE STATIONS

The Florence Fire/EMS Department provides full service Fire and EMS services. The City has three fire stations. Station 1 is located at 269 Main Street and is staffed by our Volunteer Fire/EMS division. Station 2 is located at 7201 Industrial Road and the Fire/EMS headquarters is located at 1152 Weaver Road.



# FLORENCE FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Need a place to cool off during the hot summer months? Then join us at the Florence Family Aquatic Center. This 4-acre facility opened on June 21, 2003 and is located at 8200 Ewing Boulevard on the campus of the Florence Government Center. Much more than just an average swimming pool, the Aquatic Center features a lazy river, 25-meter competition pool, two sprayground areas, spiral and speed slides and zero-depth pool. The facility contains two shade shelters available to rent, sunbathing deck, giant funbrellas, full service concession, family restrooms and lockers to rent. Admission is available through the purchase of a season membership or by paying a daily rate. Gift cards are available in amounts of \$25 and may be used towards admissions, programs or shelter rentals.

The facility opens on Saturday, May 29 and closes on Sunday, August 22.

Hours of Operation:

May 29 - August 22

Sunday - Saturdays: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

**THE FACILITY WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY, JULY 26 TO CONDUCT THE NKSL "ALL STAR" SWIM MEET. NO EVENING SWIM LESSONS. FACILITY WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, JULY 27 AT 11:00 AM.**



## MEMBERSHIP RATES

10% Discount Available Until April 30th  
Sold until Friday, July 31st

### City of Florence Residents Non-Residents City of Florence Business

Family \$225	Family \$375	Family \$300
Single \$125	Single \$200	Single \$165
Junior (ages 13-18) \$100	Junior \$175	NA
Senior Citizen \$75	Senior Citizen \$110	NA

### DAILY ADMISSIONS:

### Non-Residents City of Florence Residents City of Florence Businesses

Adult	\$9	\$6
Senior Citizens	\$6	\$4
Military	\$5	\$5
Child (3-12 years)	\$6	\$4
Children 2 and under	FREE	FREE



### Additional Rates:

- Groups, \$5 Children \$7 Adults, Minimum of 20 per group. Must be purchased in advance. **No credits or refunds.**
- Summer Youth Programs, Child \$5 – Adult \$7, No Minimum required. Applies to organized day camps, church camps or athletic camps. Must request rate, number in groups and day(s) attending on letterhead and may be purchased in advance of scheduled outing. **No credits or refunds.**
- Concessions sold during pool hours. Party packages are available. Call (859) 647-4620 for menu items and prices.





## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Join us as we celebrate the holidays at the aquatic center with music, games and entertainment.

- Opening Day, Saturday, May 29
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 31
- Independence Day, Sunday, July 4
- End of Season Splash, Sunday, August 22

## SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Two shelters are available for rental. The rental cost is \$15 for a two hour rental or \$25 for a four hour rental. Call (859) 647-4619. All food and drinks must be purchased from the concession stand but may be eaten in the shelter area. Party package menus are available. Call (859) 647-4620 to order. Birthday cakes are permitted.

**NO COOLERS ALLOWED.**

**THERE ARE NO REFUNDS OF ANY TYPE PROVIDED!**

## AQUATIC PROGRAMS

### SWIM LESSONS

2-week sessions for ½ hour Mondays-Thursdays, Fridays are scheduled make-up classes.

Fee: \$40 Aquatic Center Members \$60 Non-Members

Session 1	June 7 - June 17
Session 2	June 21 - July 1
Session 3	July 12 - July 22
Session 4	July 27 - August 6

**Day Classes:** 9:00 am, 9:35 am & 10:10 am

**Evening Classes:** 7:10 pm & 7:45 pm

### SWIM TEAM

The Florence Hammerheads (ages 6-18) are beginning their sixth year as an organized swim team in the Northern Kentucky Swim League (NKSL) with a swim and dive team. Requirements to participate are: Must be a member of the Florence Family Aquatic Center, a Kentucky resident and able to swim the length of the pool. Daily practices for swimmers are from 7:30-9:30am, Mondays- Thursdays and for divers from 9:30-10:50 am., Monday-Thursdays beginning June 1 - July 31. Swim meets are held on Thursdays and dive meets are on Tuesdays with a total of six meets during the season culminating in a Championship and All-Star Meets. The Parent Board is in need of volunteers to work the meets and support the program. Call (859) 647-4619 for more information.

**The Competition/lap pool will be closed to the public at 4:30 pm for all home dive and swim meets. These dates include June 15 & 22, July 1, 8, 13 & 22.**



### 2010 Florence Hammerhead Schedule

Date	Club	Dive	Swim
6/15	Taylor Mill	Home	
6/22	Ft. Thomas	Home	
7/1	Beechwood		Home
7/8	Five Seasons		Home
7/13	Ludlow/Bromley	Home	
7/22	Brookwood		Home

## FLORENCE/BOONE COUNTY SKATE PARK

What do you do with 22,000 square-feet of concrete? You design a park for skateboarders, bikers, rollerblades and in-line skaters of course! Opened May 31, 2003, this facility, located at 8000 Ewing Boulevard, is designed for the novice as well as the expert. The park contains sections for the beginner, intermediate and advanced patron and offers numerous challenging elements. Two shelters, spectator seating, vending machines, restrooms, drinking fountains and parking are available. The park is open from dawn to dusk and is free to the public. Safety equipment is recommended and signs remind you that the Skate Park is a skate-at-your-own-risk facility. An emergency telephone that directly connects to 911 is located within the park. For more information call (859) 647-5439.

## FLORENCE NATURE PARK

This beautiful, quiet park can be found off of U.S. Highway 25 (Dixie Highway) on Banklick Street in a serene setting of woods and meadows. The City's former Mayor, Evelyn M. Kalb, had a vision to turn this tract of land into a Nature Park as well as converting the nearby home into a Gathering House. The City purchased the 15.64-acre tract of land in 1986 from William and Miriam Foote. It features the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House, a 24' x 24' gazebo, restrooms, 80 parking spaces and 2,800 linear feet of walking trails. The gazebo may be rented at no charge and features an open-air design, concrete floor, stone columns, and cedar shake roof. It is ideal for weddings, graduations or other photographic opportunities requiring a scenic background. The Florence Mall donated the granite animals that are enjoyed by children who visit the park. Recreational programs are also scheduled at this facility.

## EVELYN KALB GATHERING HOUSE AT FLORENCE NATURE PARK

Nestled in the middle of the Florence Nature Park, the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House is the perfect facility for parties, retreats and meetings. The house has a capacity of 67 people, with seating for 28. The facility includes accessible restrooms and a kitchen for warming and serving. Call (859) 647-5416 for rental information and reservations.





## KY 18 TENNIS COURTS

Located next to Boone County High School on KY. 18 (Burlington Pike) are two city tennis courts with ample parking. Courts are available for one hour for singles and two hours for doubles by calling (859) 647-5439 for reservations.



Lincoln Woods Park



## LINCOLN WOODS PARK

Located on City Park Drive, which can be accessed off of Surfwood Drive or Rosetta Drive, the 15 acre park was developed in 1985. Features include a color coated basketball court, two enclosed tennis courts, two clay infield baseball diamonds with dugouts and backstops, a playground area complete with three structures, swing sets and a crumb rubber surface, a natural wooded area with trails, a picnic shelter, grills, restroom facilities and ample parking. For shelter and ball field reservations call Boone County Parks Department (859) 334-2117. To schedule tennis courts call Florence Parks and Recreation at (859) 647-5439. City tennis clinics have priority in their use.

Orleans Park



## ORLEANS PARK

Donated to the City in 2002 by Fischer Development, the 11 acre park located in Orleans North subdivision features a playground, bridge, shelter, basketball court, paved walking trail, tennis court, sand volleyball court, open play area, restroom, drinking fountain, grill and parking lot. For shelter reservations and information call (859) 647-5439.



## SOUTH FORK PARK

The Farmview Subdivision developer donated 5 acres to the City in 1997 and 37 acres in 2000 to develop this 42 acre park. Park features include 2,720 linear feet of walking/ bike paths, a 210' x 8' pedestrian bridge, natural wooded and meadow areas, open play area, basketball court, sand volleyball court, picnic shelter, restroom, playgrounds, drinking fountain, grill, and a parking lot. To reserve the shelter call (859) 647-5439.

## STRINGTOWN PARK

This 8-acre park was purchased by the city in 2001. The park is located on Kentucky Route 18 (Burlington Pike) between Kathryn and Wallace Avenues in the eastern section of the city. The neighborhood park contains a playground, basketball court, picnic shelter, benches, restroom, drinking fountain, parking lot, walking/bike path, sand volleyball court, cornhole sets and open green space. To reserve the shelter call (859) 647-5439.

## WALNUT CREEK PARK

This 2.5 acre neighborhood park features a ball field and open play area. Access to the park is from Cedar Wood Circle via a concrete walking path and parking is on the street. For ball field reservations, call Boone County Parks (859) 334-2117.

## NIBLACK MEMORIAL PARK

Still in the planning stages, this 4.5-acre neighborhood park will be located on the former site of the old city building located on US 42 next to Boone County Public Library. The property will feature the Florence Senior Center in a park setting.



South Fork Park



Stringtown Park

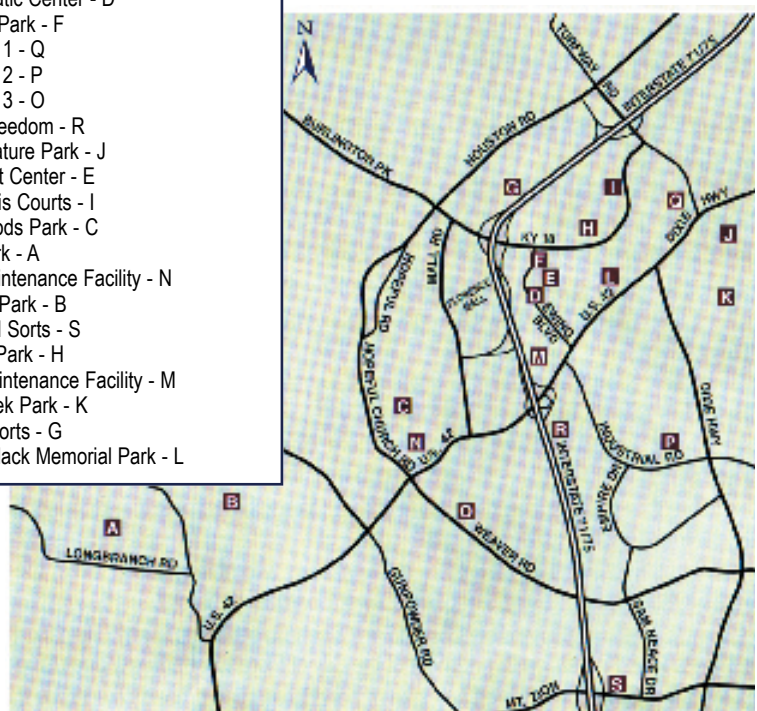


## FLORENCE PARKS & FACILITIES

	Acres	Baseball Fields	Basketball Courts	Bike Path	Billiards	Cornhole	Drinking Fountain	Driving Range	Fishing Lake	Fitness Center	Gazebo	Golf Course	Green Space	Grills	Miniature Golf	Picnic Tables	Playground	Racquetball Courts	Restrooms	Shelter	Sledding Hill	Softball Fields	Swimming Pool	Tennis Courts	Volleyball	Walking Path
Family Aquatic Center 8200 Ewing Blvd.	4			●			●									●			●	●			●			●
FBC Skate Park 8000 Ewing Blvd.	.5			●			●									●			●	●						●
Florence Freedom 7950 Freedom Way	35	●					●												●							
Florence Nature Park Banklick Street	16						●				●		●	●		●			●							●
KY 18 Tennis Courts (next to Boon Co. High School)	.76																							●		
Lincoln Woods Park City Park Drive	15	●	●				●						●	●		●	●		●	●		●		●		●
Niblack Memorial Park US 42	4.5					P L A N N I N G   S T A G E																				
Orleans Park St. Louis Blvd.	11		●	●			●		●				●	●		●	●		●	●	●			●	●	●
South Fork Park Farmview Drive	42		●	●			●						●	●		●	●		●	●					●	●
Sports of All Sorts 10094 Investment Way	3.98		●				●			●								●	●						●	
Stringtown Park 7340 Burlington Pke	8		●	●		●	●						●	●		●	●		●	●					●	●
Walnut Creek Park Walnut Creek Drive	2.5	●											●													●
World of Sports 7400 Woodspoint Drive	65			●	●			●				●			●	●			●							●



- Family Aquatic Center - D
- FBC Skate Park - F
- Fire Station 1 - Q
- Fire Station 2 - P
- Fire Station 3 - O
- Florence Freedom - R
- Florence Nature Park - J
- Government Center - E
- KY 18 Tennis Courts - I
- Lincoln Woods Park - C
- Orleans Park - A
- Rosetta Maintenance Facility - N
- South Fork Park - B
- Sports of All Sorts - S
- Stringtown Park - H
- Tanners Maintenance Facility - M
- Walnut Creek Park - K
- World of Sports - G
- U.S. 42/Niblack Memorial Park - L



# CITY OF FLORENCE PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

THE CITY OF FLORENCE PARKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE FROM DAWN UNTIL DUSK.

- To reserve a picnic shelter at any of the City of Florence Parks, call (859) 647-5439 (except Lincoln Woods call Boone County Parks at 859-334-2117). There is a \$25.00 non-refundable fee to rent any City park shelter. No charge for City of Florence offices, schools or scout groups.
- To reserve a tennis court at any of the City of Florence Parks, call (859) 647-5439 - 24 hours or more prior to the time of play. Time limit for singles is one (1) hour and doubles is two (2) hours. There is no fee to reserve a tennis court.

**Remember the parks belong to the residents so please be courteous and observe park rules:**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to be on the City park property without permission after the park has closed. City parks will be considered open between the hours of dawn to dusk. Permission for use of the parks or any section thereof may be granted by the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky.
2. It shall be unlawful to have an open fire in any part of the park except in the areas designated as proper and safe for open fires.
3. Reservations must be made with the Public Services Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky for the use of the building facilities or gazebo at Florence Nature Park.
4. Persons wishing to use ball fields at a City park must reserve a date and time for such use with the Boone County Parks Department. Persons wishing to use tennis facilities or shelters at a City park must reserve a date and time with the City of Florence Parks & Recreation Department. A fee may be assessed to offset any costs that might be incurred at the discretion Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky.
5. It shall be unlawful for anyone to have a pet in a City park unless the pet is on a leash at all times. No owner or custodian of any pet shall cause or allow such animal to soil, defile or defecate on any property within a public park of the City, unless such owner or custodian immediately removes and disposes of all feces deposited by such animal by the following methods:
  - (1) Collection of the feces by appropriate implement and placement in a paper or plastic bag or other container; and
  - (2) Removal of such bag or container and disposition thereafter in a manner as otherwise may be permitted by law.
6. It shall be unlawful for anyone to dispose of litter in the park except in trash containers provided for that purpose.



7. It shall be unlawful to operate or ride in or on any motorized vehicles of any type, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, ATVs, mini bikes or mopeds, in any City park except on park roads and in designated parking areas. When necessary the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky may authorize parking outside of designated parking areas to meet the needs of special events. This regulation shall not apply to law enforcement officers, maintenance employees of the City or County, or any other public official engaged in the discharge of their duties.
8. It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or other entity to conduct or engage in any form of trade, business or other commercial activity or perform any type of service for consideration within a City park without the permission of the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky.
9. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or drive a horse in a City park except in those areas designated as bridle paths without the approval of the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky.

10. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice golf by hitting golf balls within a City park.
11. It shall be unlawful for any person to repair or service any motor vehicle within a City park.
12. It shall be unlawful to camp overnight in any City park without written approval of the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky.
13. It shall be unlawful to cut or remove any trees, flowers or vegetation from within City parks without the approval of the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky.
14. It shall be unlawful for any person to display, post, distribute, or place any sign, advertisement, circular notice, statement, banner, emblem or design within any park without the written approval of the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky.
15. Surfaced courts are to be used for their intended sports only. It shall be unlawful to use bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, scooters, motorized vehicles, etc. on surfaced courts.
16. It shall be unlawful to hunt, trap or in any way injure or molest any wild animal found within the boundaries of the parks except when approved by the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky.
17. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or consume any alcoholic beverage in any City park. This regulation shall not apply to groups with approval from the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Florence, Kentucky and using the Florence Nature Park House.
18. It shall be unlawful for any person to ice fish on any lake or pond located on property owned by the City of Florence, Kentucky.





## FLORENCE COMMUNITY BAND

The Florence Community Band is a traditional band composed of amateur musicians of all ages who perform at numerous community programs throughout Northern Kentucky. There are brass, woodwind and percussion instruments and they play a range of music from patriotic tunes to big band and jazz. The band is sponsored by the City of Florence and rehearses on Mondays at the Florence Government Center at 7:30 pm. For more information, call Terri Hartley, Band Secretary at (859) 356-3925 or email at [president@florencecommunityband.org](mailto:president@florencecommunityband.org).

## FLORENCE COMMUNITY CHORUS

Florence Community Chorus is sponsored by the City of Florence and is a four-part men and women's choral group. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Florence Government Center. New members are welcome. The Chorus sings a variety of music and performs throughout the community. For more information contact President Gayle Spjut at (859) 657-6541 or email [gspjut@insightbb.com](mailto:gspjut@insightbb.com).

## NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHTS OUT

This program provides our residents an opportunity to meet City officials during the summer months. From 5:00 – 7:00 pm, City officials will provide refreshments, displays and information on current projects occurring in the city.

Dates for 2010 will be:

- June 15 at Seven Hills Church Campus
- July 13 at N. Dilcrest Cul-de-Sac
- August 3 at RA Jone Middle School/ Collins Elementary School Campus
- August 24 at Orleans Park
- September 14 at Florence Government Center

FOR DETAILS CALL (859) 647-8177.





## SAFE SITTER (BABYSITTING) CLASS

Here's an opportunity for teens ages 11 to 15 to develop leadership skills, work with younger children and care for infants as well as earn spending money. The Safe Sitter curriculum, a 6-hour class, is used to teach infant rescue breathing and choking, child care essentials, behavior management and babysitting as a business. *Students will not become certified in first aid or CPR after completing this course* but will be better prepared as a Safe Sitter. Fee is \$40 per student and students receive a course completion card, Safe Sitter bag, flashlight, note pad and band-aid dispenser and snacks. Students must bring a sack lunch and drink. Classes are limited to 14 teens and are held at the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House at the Florence Nature Park from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm on the following Saturdays: March 13; May 15; August 14; and November 13. Call (859) 647-5439 for details. Download the registration form from the City's web page at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov).

## RED CROSS ON OUR OWN CLASS

Designed to teach children simple rules and safety procedures to be followed when they are home alone (Latch Key Kids). Class is designed for children ages 7 - 12 years old and lasts 1 1/2 hours with breaks. A parent/guardian is required to be in attendance with the student. Cost is per student and is set by the Red Cross. Class is held in March. Contact Florence Fire/EMS at (859) 657-5660 for class date, time and additional information.

## FIRST AID CLASSES

The Florence Fire/EMS Department will conduct first aid classes to groups for a fee. Learn the basics of first aid to become certified. Call (859) 647-5660 to schedule an appointment.



## RED CROSS FIRST AID LITTLE PEOPLE CLASS

Children learn the importance of staying calm in an emergency, how to make a first aid kit, what to do in the event of a fire and how to provide some very basic first aid for different medical events. Class is designed for children ages 4 to 8 years old and lasts 1 1/2 to 2 hours with breaks. A parent/guardian is required to be in attendance with the student. Cost is per student and is set by the Red Cross. Class is held in March. Contact Florence Fire/EMS at (859) 647-5660 for class date, time and additional information.

## RED CROSS BASIC AID TRAINING

Designed to teach basic first aid skills and provide basic information on injury prevention and health issues. Meets many youth organizations requirements for first aid, health and personal safety. Class is designed for children ages 8 to 12 years old and lasts 6 to 12 hours with breaks. A parent/guardian is required to be in attendance with the student. Cost is per student and is set by the Red Cross. Class is held in March. Contact Florence Fire/EMS at (859) 647-5660 for class date, time or additional information.

## CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

The Child Car Seat Safety Check program is FREE and conducted by the Florence Fire/EMS Department. It offers City of Florence and Florence Fire/EMS District residents an inspection of child seat installations at Fire Base 3, 1152 Weaver Road. Call (859) 647-5660 for questions or an appointment.





## CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

March 3 – May 5

The Florence Police Department will hold its annual Citizens Police Academy for participants to learn first hand from police officers and guest speakers about traffic violations, building searches, interviewing suspects and many other topics. The ten-week course meets each Wednesday from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Florence Government Center. Graduation will take place on May 5. For additional information call (859) 647-5420.

## YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

March 9-11

The City of Florence, in cooperation with Boone County Public Schools, will host their annual Youth in Government Program on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 9, 10 and 11 at the Florence Government Center. This program provides an opportunity for selected elementary and middle school students to learn about the role local government plays in their community. City departments will provide presentations of their role in the local government process and students learn the legislative duties of the Mayor and City Council. Tuesday evening March 9 is Youth in Government Night from 6-7 pm in the Community Rooms at the Florence Government Center and is open to all ages to learn the role of local government. The event continues at the Florence City Council meeting at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. The business meeting is televised and Mayor Diane E. Whalen recognizes those in attendance. Call (859) 647-8177 for more information.



## CSI CAMP

June 7-11

Calling all amateur sleuths to the Florence Police Department's CSI camp! This popular camp is held at the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House at the Florence Nature Park from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and feature hands on training in the art of crime scene analysis and collection. The class is open to youth ages 12-14 who must submit a letter of interest accompanied with a recommendation from a teacher. Class limited to 20 students. Call the Florence Police Department at (859) 647-5420 for details.



## YOUTH SPORTS CAMP

June 14-18

July 12-16

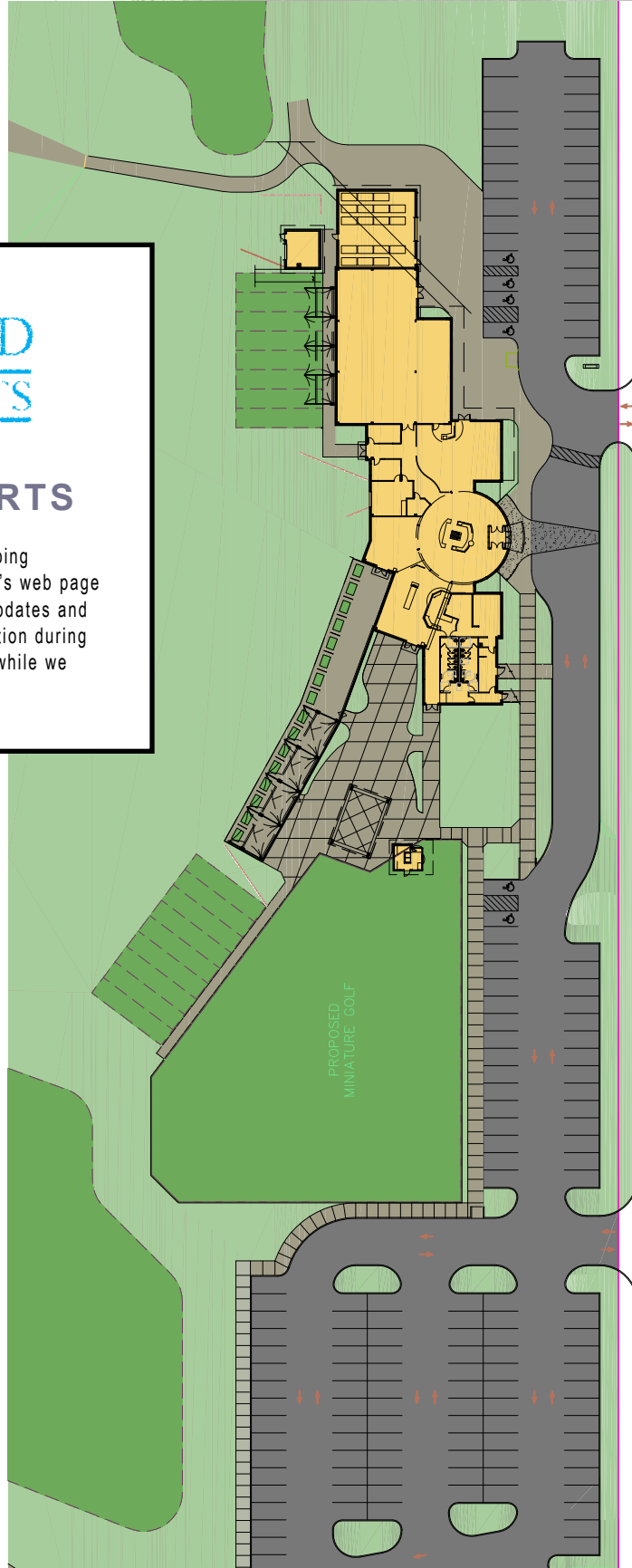
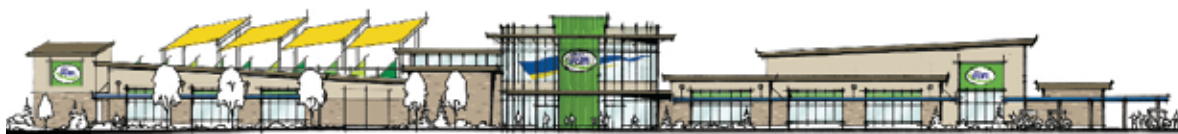
Skyhawks, Inc. will conduct instructional sports camps for youth ages 3-9 at Orleans Park. June 14-18 is Mini-Hawks ages 4-8 covering basketball, soccer and baseball from 9am-12pm. Tiny Hawks ages 3-4 will meet from 9am - 10am and cover soccer and basketball.

On July 19-16 for ages 6-12 will be instructional soccer camp from 9am-12pm. For ages 3-4 a T-Ball camp will be held from 9am-3pm. All camps are held at Orleans Park. Contact Skyhawks at [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com) or (614) 527-7708 for details.



## WORLD OF SPORTS

The City-owned facility will be under going construction of in 2010. Check the City's web page [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov) for construction updates and upcoming activities and hours of operation during construction. Please excuse our mess while we improve the facility.





## SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

### FLORENCE GETS HEALTHY WITH “SPORTS OF ALL SORTS” STAYING IN SHAPE HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER OR MORE FUN!

The City of Florence and the Sports of All Sorts have teamed up on an exciting program to help Florence residents stay physically fit. This unique public-private partnership allows Florence residents to join the state-of-the-art Sports of All Sorts Fitness Facility at 10094 Investment Way (off Mt. Zion Road) at special low membership rates. Membership rates start as low as \$19.00 per month. Fitness Club members can enjoy yoga, cycling or pilates at no additional cost.

Join the fitness club and receive an additional 10% city resident discount on all the other recreational activities offered by the Sports of All Sorts at either Investment Way location. Whether you enjoy racquetball, basketball, slam-dunk basketball, soccer, bowling, volleyball or video arcade there is something for you! Sports of All Sorts can also accommodate your next birthday party too!

#### BELOW ARE THE SPECIAL CITY OF FLORENCE RESIDENT FITNESS CLUB RATES AVAILABLE AT SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	MONTH TO MONTH MEMBERSHIP	12 MONTH MEMBERSHIP RATES	24 MONTH MEMBERSHIP RATES
Single	\$36.00	\$29.00	\$19.00
Couple	\$50.00	\$36.00	\$32.00
Family	\$54.00	\$45.00	\$41.00
Senior	\$19.00		
Senior Couple	\$27.00		

For more information, contact Matt Daniels from Sports of All Sorts at (859) 371-5511 or visit their web site at  
[www.sportsofallsortsky.com/?page=Fitness\\_COF](http://www.sportsofallsortsky.com/?page=Fitness_COF).



## FLORENCE FREEDOM BASEBALL

May 21 through September 5

From May through September there's not a better place to spend a summer's evenings than Champion Window Field to see Florence's own Minor League baseball team, the Florence Freedom. The Freedom compete in the Independent Frontier League and finished their 2009 season with a winning record, 49-47, and saw over 102,000 people file through the gates. The Freedom have been voted as Greater Cincinnati's Best Entertainment Value by a Northern Kentucky University survey for the past three years thanks to a family friendly atmosphere, non-stop fun and entertainment, a dollar concessions menu, free parking and tickets costing \$10 or less.

Different nightly promotions keep the entertainment fresh and fun. Fans enjoy such promotions as kids running the bases and having their own autograph session with players following every Sunday night game. On Wednesdays, the Freedom team up with Xavier University's College of Science, Health and Education to promote children and their reading with free admission to kids who have read enough books to "hit a homerun". Thirsty Thursdays with \$1 beer and Pepsi products are always a hit during each and every Thursday night home game. Rozzi's Fireworks light up the sky on Friday with Minor League baseball's best fireworks show. Finally on Saturday, come party with the Freedom during Party in the Park. Mingle with the Freedom players after the game and dance the night away with a live post-game band.

Needing a place to have an unforgettable 2010 group outing? The Freedom are your perfect venue! Call (859) 594-HITS or visit [www.FlorenceFreedom.com](http://www.FlorenceFreedom.com) for more information. Season tickets for the 2010 summer are currently on sale. Individual tickets will be available to the public in spring 2010.



### 2010 FLORENCE FREEDOM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>MAY</b>		21 GATEWAY	22 GATEWAY
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30 EVANSVILLE 6:05 P.M.	31 OFF		<b>JUNE</b>			
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27 So. ILLINOIS 6:05 PM	28 So. ILLINOIS 11:05 AM	29 LAKE ERIE	30 LAKE ERIE			
			<b>JULY</b>		1 LAKE ERIE	2 WASHINGTON
4 WASHINGTON	5 OFF	6 LAKE ERIE 7:05 PM	7 LAKE ERIE 7:05 PM	8 LAKE ERIE 7:05 PM	9 WASHINGTON 7:05 PM	10 WASHINGTON 6:05 PM
11 WASHINGTON 6:05 PM	12 OFF	13 OFF	14 ALL-STAR GAME	15 OFF	16 EVANSVILLE	17 EVANSVILLE
18 EVANSVILLE	19 So. ILLINOIS	20 So. ILLINOIS	21 So. ILLINOIS	22 EVANSVILLE 7:05 PM	23 EVANSVILLE 7:05 PM	24 EVANSVILLE 6:05 PM
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			<b>AUGUST</b>			
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			1 GATEWAY	2 GATEWAY	3 NORMAL	4 NORMAL
5 NORMAL					HOME IN BLUE (All Times EST)	AWAY IN GRAY (All Times EST)

Monday Madness!

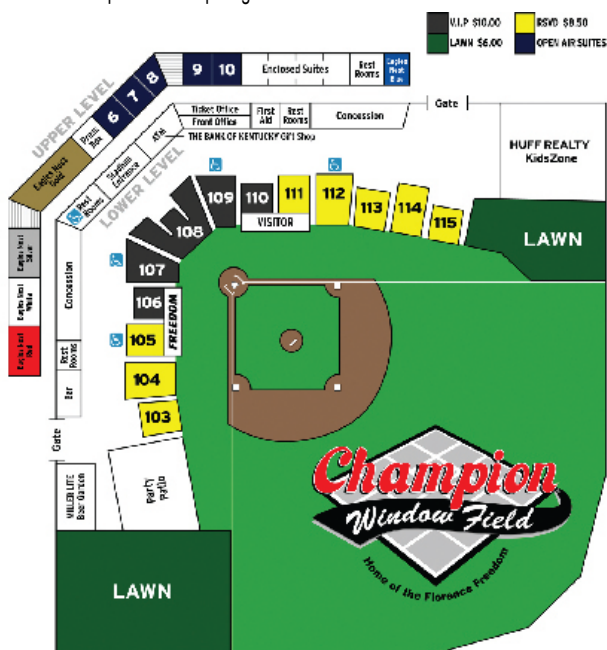
Education Day!  
Reading Team!

Kids Club!

2 for Tuesday!

Splash Day!

Buy tickets online @ [florencefreedom.com](http://florencefreedom.com)  
OR call 859.594.HITS (4487)







## POOCH FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 18

Bring your four-legged best friend for a day of competition, fun and social interaction at the City's 7th annual Pooch Fest. The event takes place at the Florence Government Center with registration at 10 am and the competition at 10:30 am. Activities include an obstacle course, tricks, owner look-a-like, Best in Parade and Best in Show with treats and prizes for all. Businesses can rent space for \$15 and share information on pet-related nutrition, health, grooming, fitness, obedience, boarding, etc. Registration fee is \$5 per dog. Volunteers welcome to assist. Call (859) 647-5439 for details.

### Canine requirements:

- Current licenses
- Owner must provide pooper scooper
- Be in good health
- Kept on a leash

## TAE KWON DO

Learn the art of self-defense, discipline and maintain a healthy state of mind through TaeKwonDo classes. Classes are held at Tri-State Black Belt Academy at 8140 Dream Street and available 3 days a week for ages 3 and up. Contact Instructor Marsha Gerkin at (859) 781-0995 for more information.

## TENNIS CLINICS

Learn basic tennis skills or improve your game with the help of a certified USTPA instructor. Clinics available for Pee Wees ages 4-6 for one half hour, two days a week. Juniors ages 7-15 and Adults ages 16 and older for one hour two days a week or Saturdays for 1 ½ hours. Registration forms will be sent through the schools and copies available in the lobby of the Florence Government Center or on the City's web page at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov). Register for clinics directly through tennis professional Tim Mitchell.

**FOR ADDITIONAL DAYS, TIMES AND FEES, CALL TIM MITCHELL, INSTRUCTOR AT (513) 328-8811 OR (513) 541-9811**

### Clinics Schedule:

<b>Spring Session</b> , (6 weeks - Juniors) April 12 – May 23	Juniors (weekdays) \$120
	Juniors (Saturdays) \$90
(7 weeks - Adults) April 12 - May 30	Adults (All Clinics) \$90
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<b>Summer Session 1</b> , (5 weeks) June 7 – July 10	Pee Wees \$60
	Juniors (weekdays) \$120
	Juniors (Saturdays) \$90
	Adults (All Clinics) \$90
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<b>Summer Session 2</b> , (5 weeks-Juniors) July 12 - August 14	Pee Wees \$50
	Juniors (weekdays) \$100
	Juniors (Saturday) \$75
(6 weeks-Adults) July 12 – August 21	Adults (All Clinics) \$90
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<b>Fall Session</b> , 7 weeks, August 30 – October 17	Juniors (weekdays) \$140
	Juniors (Saturdays) \$105
	Adults (All Clinics) \$105

## FLORENCE RECREATION PROGRAM POLICIES

### Accessibility

The Americans with Disability Act was enacted on January 26, 1992 in an effort to make Americans aware of the barriers and challenges that confront individuals requiring special needs. The City of Florence encourages inclusion in all of our activities and at the facilities. If you or any member of your household has special needs and would like more information call (859) 647-5439.

### Registration

All City programs are fee-based in an effort to recover the expenses associated with the program. The expenses include instructor fee, supplies, facility rental, etc. It is important to register before the deadline so a class is not cancelled due to low registrations. The only time we will contact you is if the program is cancelled due to low registration or instructor related circumstances. You are registered for the class when the registration form and payment are both received by the City. Registration forms can be downloaded from the City web page, [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov); however payment must be mailed or brought to the Florence Government Center. Make checks or money orders payable to "City of Florence".

### Refunds

Refunds for programs will be given only in the following cases:

- Medical illness of the participant
- Move out of the City of Florence or Boone County
- Program cancellation due to inclement weather or low enrollment

Refunds will be mailed to participant's residence within 2-3 weeks in the form of a check. No refunds will be issued once a class or activity begins except if a participant becomes ill and has a physician's statement. This policy applies to aquatic programs such as swim team and swim lessons.

### Photographs

As the City of Florence conducts programs and events, we will photograph participants in attendance as a means of promotion and publicity of the program or event. Photos will be used in City brochures, activity guides, slide presentations and on the City of Florence's web page, [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov). For more information call (859) 647-5439.

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP RECYCLING

Wednesday, January 6

Wondering what to do with your tree after the holidays?

Set it out on the curb for pickup.

If you miss that day, bring your tree to the former city building site (on U.S. 42 next to Florence Nursery) for mulching of your tree on Saturday, January 9. Mulch is available to residents that day at no charge.



## ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

The Florence Public Services Department performs their annual Leaf Collection Program from mid-October to mid-December for City of Florence residents. Leaves are treated and used as compost or fertilizer. Guidelines for collection:

1. Rake leaves in a row behind the curb. Do not rake into the street. Leaves need to be raked to the curb by 7:00 am the morning of the scheduled pick-up.
2. Pick-up is on residential streets only. No state routes or commercial streets.
3. Keep all debris and trash out of the leaf row. This includes tree branches.
4. All leaves will be composted. To receive one or more loads call (859) 647-5416.
5. Homeowners may also bag leaves for pick-up at regular schedule collection day.
6. A sign will be placed at the subdivision/street entrances the day prior to leaf collection.
7. The schedule is based upon weather and equipment operation.
8. The Leaf Collection Schedule booklet that lists the dates leaves are collected by street is available at the Public Services Department at the Florence Government Center or can be viewed on the City's web page at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov). Call (859) 647-5416 for details.







## GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Saturday, April 24

Here's your chance to keep Florence beautiful! Join us in this national program that provides an opportunity to volunteer to clean up litter along designated roadsides and parks within the City of Florence from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Receive a t-shirt and lunch for participating in this community service project. Call (859) 647-5416 for details

## SPRING CLEANUP PROGRAM

Monday, April 26 – Sunday, May 2

Time to get rid of the clutter from the winter months. During cleanup week, Florence residents (must show proof of residency) may bring their unwanted trash and debris to the Public Services Maintenance Facility located at 7850 Tanners Lane for disposal. Debris that will not be accepted includes tires, paint (in liquid form), batteries, antifreeze, oil, insecticides, pesticides and fungicides. Facility hours are 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Monday through Friday and 9:00 am – 7:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.



## FALL CLEANUP PROGRAM

Monday, October 18 – Sunday, October 24

The Florence Public Services Department offers a Fall Cleanup Program to the residents in October. The program lasts one week and is an opportunity for Florence residents (must show proof of residency) to bring unwanted debris for disposal at the Public Services Maintenance Facility located at 7850 Tanners Lane. Debris that will not be accepted includes tires, paint (in liquid form), batteries, antifreeze, oil, insecticides, pesticides and fungicides (hazardous waste). Facility hours are 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Monday through Friday and 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. Call (859) 647-5416 for details.



## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PROGRAM

Monday, January 18

The City of Florence celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and acknowledges his accomplishments as a civil rights leader and social activist with a program and the freedom march around the campus at 3:00 pm. Visit the display set up in the lobby of the Florence Government Center throughout the day. Call (859) 647-5439 for more information.

## PRESIDENT'S DAY DISPLAY

Monday, February 15

Stop by the Florence Government Center to view the display of U.S. Presidents, Vice Presidents and First Ladies and answer trivia questions between the hours of 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

## FLORENCE STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

March

The City of Florence invites teens to participate in our new youth leadership program. Six City residents will be selected annually to represent the City and the youth in our community at City sponsored events and various Northern Kentucky community events. The program will provide Ambassadors with opportunities to enhance their profiles through community service, public speaking and exposure to community organizations. Applications with letters of recommendation and essays must be submitted and are reviewed by the judges. Selections of one male and one female will be made from grades 10-12 for Senior Ambassador, grades 8 & 9 for Junior Ambassadors and from grades 6 & 7 for Youth Ambassadors. Senior Ambassadors will each receive a \$500 scholarship. Ambassadors will serve a one year term. Application packets will be distributed to students in Florence schools and are available at the Florence Government Center lobby or on the City's web page at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov).

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 3

This event is sponsored by the Florence Police Department in conjunction with Florence Freedom begins at 11:00 am at Champion Window Field (home of Florence Freedom) for toddlers up to age 10. Take photos with costume characters from 11 am -12 pm. The hunt begins at 12:00 pm and is conducted by age groups. Call (859) 657-5420 for more information.



## ARBOR DAY

Saturday, May 8

The 2010 City of Florence Arbor Day Celebration will be held at the Florence Nature Park located off Banklick Street in Florence. This year's event will begin at 10:00 am and run through Noon at which time lunch will be provided for participants. The program will include a brief history of Arbor Day and reading of the City's Arbor Day Proclamation, followed by various tree planting activities.

The National Arbor Day Foundation named the City of Florence "Tree City USA" for the seventeenth consecutive year in April 2009. The City has met the four requirements for this distinction which includes:

1. A tree board
2. A tree care ordinance
3. A comprehensive community forestry program
4. An Arbor Day observance.

This event is open to the public so friends, family and neighborhoods are all welcome to attend. For additional information, contact the City of Florence Public Services Department at (859) 647-5416.





## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & PROGRAM

Monday, May 31

The City of Florence memorializes and decorates American service personnel who fought to defend our country in past and present wars. The parade begins at 10:00 am at Boone County High School and ends at the Boone County Veterans Memorial located on the campus of the Florence Government Center. Parade registration forms are available at the Florence Government Center or may be downloaded from the City's web page at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov). The memorial service begins at 11:00 am at the Boone County Veteran's Memorial with a tribute to our military personnel. For more information call (859) 647-5439.

## POLICE MEMORABILIA / TRADING SHOW

Saturday, May 8 & Saturday, September 4

The Florence Police Department holds its annual Police Memorabilia/Trading Show in May and September. The show is free and open to the public and features collectors from across the United States who display their extensive collections of badges, patches and other types of law enforcement memorabilia. The event takes place from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm in the Community Rooms of the Florence Government center. Call (859) 647-5420 for more information.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 3

Join us as we celebrate the nation's birthday beginning at 4:00 pm at the Florence Government Center with rides, food, raffle, Kid's Zone, Wellness Expo, demonstrations, musical entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display at 10:00 pm. For information on food booth rentals or sponsorship opportunities call (859) 647-5439. Forms are available at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov).

**Rain date is Sunday, July 4 beginning at 7 pm featuring rides, food, band and at 10 pm fireworks.**

## LABOR DAY WEEKEND PARADE

Sunday, September 5

The annual theme oriented parade begins at 2 pm at the Florence Government Center and heads east on KY 18/Burlington Pike to Turfway Road. The parade features a Grand Marshal and a host of community groups and businesses in vehicles, floats or walking portraying the theme. Awards are presented to float entries that are judged at 12:30 pm. Registration forms are available at the Florence Government Center or on the City's web site at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov). Call (859) 647-5439 for details or to volunteer.

## WAL-MART SAFETY FAIR

Saturday, September 11

City of Florence Police and Fire/EMS Departments will hold their annual Safety Fair in conjunction with Wal-Mart from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Wal-Mart location (7625 Doering Drive) off Houston Road. The fair will promote general safety awareness and will include displays, booths and activities. For more information call Florence Police Department (859) 647-5420.

## HALLOWEEN NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 26

Bring the children for an entertaining evening of tricks and treats with City staff and local businesses from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Florence Government Center. Toddlers and children up to age 12 can enjoy treats, games, costumed characters, spooky stations, magician, storyteller and hayride for a howling good time. The program is FREE and will be held (under tents) rain or shine. For Sponsorship opportunities or to register as a Spooky Station call (859) 647-5439.

## NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

October

During the month of October, the Florence Fire/EMS Department celebrates National Fire Prevention Month. October 5-11 is National Fire Prevention Week. Call the Florence Fire/EMS Department at (859) 647-5660 for dates and times of programs and events scheduled throughout the month.

### SMOKE DETECTORS

#### *Your Best Chance For Surviving a Fire in Your Home*

Florence Fire/EMS would like to remind all of our residents that working Smoke Detectors are your greatest chance for surviving a fire in your home.

Test Your Smoke Detector:

A working smoke detector cuts the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly 50 percent. Protect your safety by checking your detector once a month.

#### Change the Batteries

Change the batteries in your smoke detectors at least once a year. A great way to remember to change your battery is to do so at the same time you set your clocks forward in the spring and back in the fall to adjust for Daylight Savings Time. For 2010; mark your calendars for March 14th and November 7th to: "CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY".

#### Need A Smoke Detector?

Florence Fire/EMS will supply needy residents with a smoke detector for their home at no cost. Please call 859.647.5660 for more information.







## VETERANS DAY

Thursday, November 11

Join the City as we honor the Veterans of all wars in a ceremony at 6:00 pm at the Florence Government Center. The program will feature essay contest winners from local schools sponsored by the Florence Rotary and Boone County Jaycees. Call (859) 647-5439 for more information.

## COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

Tuesday, December 7

Bring your family as we deck the halls of the Florence Government Center with the annual Community Tree Lighting Program. Join us at 6:00 pm as we light the Christmas tree and enjoy holiday tunes with the Florence Community Band and Chorus. Civic organizations and local businesses will provide holiday activities while the children await their visit with Santa Claus. Sleigh rides, face painting, musical entertainment and refreshments are provided. The program is FREE and held (under a tent) rain, snow or shine. Call (859) 647-5439 for details.





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